

Central Union Telephone Company collection L289

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Title	Central Union Telephone Company collection
Date	1913-1918
Extent	2.0 Cubic feet 2 cubic foot boxes
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The Central Union Telephone Company was a company providing telephone service to New Castle, Indiana and Indianapolis, Indiana in the late 1800s to the 1920s.

The Indianapolis service area comprised of five exchange districts: North, Irvington, Woodruff, Prospect, with a Main exchange at Meridian and New York Street. At some time in the 1920s, the Bell Telephone Company bought the Central Union Telephone Company. The Main Exchange location was renovated in a remarkable engineering feat in 1929 that consisted of rotating and moving the building in its entirety to suit plans for expansion on the site.

On March 3, 1886, a superintendent Mr. Hocket was found guilty of criminal misconduct by the Marion County Superior Court for charging rates higher than allowed by Indiana law and A.G. Bell, the then holder of the telephone patent. (V315)

The Public Service Commission in Indianapolis tried to force a merger in 1914 of Central Union with the Indianapolis Telephone Company, a local competitor, to eliminate duplication of services.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes blueprints and requests for permission to build from Central Union Telephone Company in Indianapolis, Indiana ranging from 1913 to 1918 regarding the installation of telephone poles, cables, conduits, etc.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Willard Heiss on 1969/04/11.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2014/09/23 by Braden Pefley. EAD finding aid created 2014/09/23 by Braden Pefley.

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Central Union Telephone Company (Indianapolis, Ind.).
- Indianapolis Telephone Company (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Geographic Name(s)

- Indianapolis (Ind.)

- New Castle (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Blueprints
- Telephone

Collection Inventory

	Box	Volume
V 315, 1879-1885, bound volume with 93 court exhibits for trial held 1886/03/03	1	1
	Box	Folder
S 1498, 1916-1917, two items of correspondence	1	1
Blueprints, 1913 (folder 1 of 4)	1	2
Blueprints, 1913 (folder 2 of 4)	1	3
Blueprints, 1913 (folder 3 of 4)	1	4
Blueprints, 1913 (folder 4 of 4)	1	5
Blueprints, 1914 (folder 1 of 4)	1	6
Blueprints, 1914 (folder 2 of 4)	1	7
Blueprints, 1914 (folder 3 of 4)	1	8
Blueprints, 1914 (folder 4 of 4)	1	9
Blueprints, 1915 (folder 1 of 2)	1	10

Blueprints, 1915 (folder 2 of 2)	1	11
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 1 of 9)	1	12
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 2 of 9)	1	13
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 3 of 9)	1	14
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 4 of 9)	2	1
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 5 of 9)	2	2
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 6 of 9)	2	3
Blueprints, 1917 (folder 1 of 3)	2	4
Indianapolis Telephone Company and Central Union Telephone Company blueprints, 1914/06/02, 1914/08/08, 1917/01/29	2	5
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 7 of 9)	3	1
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 8 of 9)	3	2
Blueprints, 1916 (folder 9 of 9)	3	3
Blueprints, 1917 (folder 2 of 3)	3	4

Blueprints, 1917 (folder 3 of 3)	3	5
Blueprints, 1918	3	6